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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO SHELTON STATEMENT ON HUMAN RELATIONS
IN NICARAGUA

1. OPPOSITION DAILY LA PRENSA FEBRUARY 24 GAVE PROMINENT SPACE ON OPED PAGE TO WHAT WAS CAPTIONED "MESSAGE TO MRS. SHELTON - HOW MANY DEATHS ARE NECESSARY?". WHAT FOLLOWED WAS OPEN LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON WRITTEN BY RICARDO CORONEL KAUTZ WHO RECENTLY GAINED PROMINENCE AS ONE OF "THE TWELVE" WHO SIGNED DECLARATION CALLING FOR OUSTER OF SOMOZA AND PARTICIPATION OF FSLN IN THE SOLVING OF NICARAGUA'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS:

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: MESSAGE TO MRS. SHELTON:
HOW MANY DEATHS ARE NEEDED? - ING. XAVIER CHAMORRO, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, FEBRUARY 20, MRS. SALLY SHELTON, STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON.

3. SENORA: YOU CAN NOT IMAGINE HOW REPULSIVE IT WAS FOR ME AS A NICARAGUAN WHO CARRIED THE HISTORY OF HIS COUNTRY WITHIN HIMSELF, TO READ YOUR STATEMENTS PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA.

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4. I ASK MYSELF HOW IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE ABSOLUTELY IGNORANT OF OUR HISTORY AND OF THE SUBTLETY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION HAS THE NERVE TO EXPRESS HERSELF IN THE WAY THAT YOU DID CONCERNING THE DYNASTIC REGIME OF SOMOZA NOR CAN I EXPLAIN TO MYSELF HOW YOU CAN BE REPRESENTING THE IDEALS OF THE NORTHAMERICAN PEOPLE.

5. IF YOU HAD TRUE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OR WISDOM YOU WOULD RESIGN

IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, AFTER REREADING WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN AND REFLECTING A LITTLE I DO FIND AN EXPLANATION TO YOUR STATEMENTS. IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THE FOLLOWING:

6. A. TOTAL IGNORANCE ON THE PART OF SOMEONE ABOUT THE REALITY OF THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND THE FACTS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT PRESENT, WHICH SIMPLIFIES AND DISTORTS YOUR STATEMENTS.

7. B. THE POSSIBILITY THAT INSENSITIVENESS OR INDIFFERENCE REACHES HEIGHTS IN WHICH YOUR STATEMENT CAN BE DISSEMINATED.

8. C. THE INSENSIBILITY AND DEHUMANIZATION OF WHICH THE PEOPLE WHERE YOU WORK ARE VICTIMS. THE LATTER BECOMES QUITE CLEAR WHEN YOU ASSERT IN YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS DEAD IN NICARAGUA DURING THE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS DEAD IN NICARAGUA DURING THE MOST RECENT REPRESSION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, CREATED, MAINTAINED, ARMED AND SUPPORTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT, DO NOT APPEAR TO YOU SUFFICIENT PROOF OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

9. HOW MANY DEATHS DO YOU THINK ARE NECESSARY? YOU AS A SPOKESMAN OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND IN THE NAME OF THE SAME AND EVEN OF PRESIDENT CARTER, ONLY ACCEPT AND REPEAT AS TRUTHS THE LIES OF SOMOZA AND HIS GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH YOU ARE PERFECTLY AWARE THAT THEY ARE ALL LIES. SIGNED RICARDO CORONEL KAUTZ.
ITEM. FITZGERALD

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